**Anaphylaxis Interview Questions**

School Nurse, Portland (Portland contracts School Nurses) June 2014

1. What is your policy with regard to nuts (peanut and tree nuts) in your schools?

* Nut free district?
* Nut free school(s)?
* Nut free classroom(s)?
* Nut free table(s) in the lunchroom?
* (And if policy is written, can you send a copy or direct to a copy?)

*There are variations between each district. Oregon Dept of Ed makes recommendations but not sure that they have weighed in on this. Each district decides their policy. Portland did consult with her and they had similar viewpoints. We avoid the word use of “free” as can’t guarantee nut free. The district choose to not change from serving PB. Peanut/nut free tables are done.*

1. What is your policy with regard to serving nuts/nut products by your school or district food service?

* No use or serve nuts/products by food service?
* No serve peanut butter by food service?
* No serve of pre-packaged PB&J sandwiches?

*Portland does serve crustables.*

1. If you have a policy of limiting nuts, how and why was this decision made?
   * How is this limitation enforced?
   * What type/amount of training has been needed to enforce the policy?
   * What has been the school nurse role with enforcement?

*NA, they did not change policy*

1. What about actual practices in your district/school(s)/classroom(s)?
   * How common are 504 for food allergic students and what is school nurse involvement in those 504’s?

*Each building has a 504 coordinator and they work with the nurse to create. 504’s are probably common but not absolute for every student with LTA.*

1. What has been the impact of policy?

* On gluten-free students
* On vegetarian students
* On F&R meal students

***NA***

1. What alternatives to peanut butter has your district/school implemented?

***There may also be some sunbutter in use but again have not stopped crustables.***

1. What feedback have you received regarding this issue?

* From students?
* From parents/families?
* From community members/groups?

*This was a school board decision. There was one member who wanted to stop serving crustables.*

1. Has this reduced the number of allergic reactions in school? Is your answer backed by statistics or is it anecdotal?

NA

1. What do you think has gone well with implementing your policy and what would you like to have changed with implementation if you had that ability?

*The issue needs to be decided on evidence based practice and research. There are differences between what can be guaranteed and not guaranteed. The process was objective.*